

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 to 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): A web-fed rotary press for printing on a web substrate using heat-set inks in an offset printing process comprising:

at least one print unit;

at least one dryer; and

at least one additional device for inputting heat into the web substrate and expelling moisture from the web substrate, the at one additional device for inputting heat being positioned upstream from the at least one print unit along a path of the web substrate through the web fed rotary press, the at least one additional device for inputting heat being fed by energy from the exhaust air from the dryer.

Claim 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary press as recited in claim 11 wherein the at least one additional device for inputting heat includes at least one steam-heatable roller.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary press as recited in claim 11 wherein the at least one additional device for inputting heat includes at least one cooling unit arranged in a last position of the at least one additional device along the path of the web substrate through the at least one additional device for inputting heat.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary press as recited in claim 14 wherein the cooling unit includes a plurality of chill rolls.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary press as recited in claim 11 wherein the at least one additional device for inputting heat has at least one device for producing a lateral tension in the web substrate.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary press as recited in claim 16 wherein the at least one device for producing lateral tension has a plurality of motorless.

Claim 18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (currently amended): A method for minimizing fluting in a web-fed rotary press for printing on a web substrate using heat-set inks in an offset printing process comprising the steps of:

- guiding the web substrate through the web-fed rotary press along a path;
- printing on the web substrate by at least one print unit;
- drying the web substrate once imprinted with a dryer at a first location; and
- supplying heat to the web substrate to expel moisture from the web substrate at least at one other location along the path through the web-fed rotary press, the at least at one other location being positioned upstream from the at least one print unit along the path, the heat being generated from energy from the exhaust air from the dryer.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A method for minimizing fluting in a web-fed rotary press as recited in claim 19 further comprising the step of laterally tensioning the web substrate during the heat input operation at the at least one other location.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary press as recited in claim 11 wherein the at least one additional device for inputting heat includes at least one water-heatable roller.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary press as recited in claim 11 wherein the at least one additional device for inputting heat includes at least one microwave source.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary press as recited in claim 11 wherein the at least one additional device for inputting heat includes at least one infrared light source.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary press as recited in claim 16 wherein the at least one additional device for producing lateral tension has a plurality of grippers.